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Notice of Lifting of Suspension Date:

TO: { Directors Of Field Operations, Port Directors }

FROM: { Director AD/CVD & Revenue Policy & Programs }

RE: NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATIONS OF EMULSION STYRENE  
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TO: CMC DIRECTORS,  
PORT DIRECTORS

FROM: DIRECTOR, IMPORT OPERATIONS

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KOREA (A-580-833) AND MEXICO (A-201-821)

1. ON NOVEMBER 4, 1998, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER ITS PRELIMINARY DETERMINATIONS OF SALES AT LESS THAN FAIR VALUE AND POSTPONEMENTS OF FINAL DETERMINATIONS IN THE ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATIONS OF EMULSION STYRENE-BUTADIENE RUBBER (ESBR) FROM BRAZIL, KOREA, AND MEXICO.

2. FOR PURPOSES OF THESE INVESTIGATIONS, THE PRODUCT COVERED IS ESBR. ESBR IS A SYNTHETIC POLYMER MADE VIA FREE RADICAL COLD

EMULSION COPOLYMERIZATION OF STYRENE AND BUTADIENE MONOMERS IN REACTORS. THE REACTION PROCESS INVOLVES COMBINING STYRENE AND BUTADIENE MONOMERS IN WATER, WITH AN INITIATOR SYSTEM, AN EMULSIFIER SYSTEM, AND MOLECULAR WEIGHT MODIFIERS. ESRB CONSISTS OF COLD NON-PIGMENTED RUBBERS AND COLD OIL EXTENDED NON-PIGMENTED RUBBERS THAT CONTAIN AT LEAST ONE PERCENT OF ORGANIC ACIDS FROM THE EMULSION POLYMERIZATION PROCESS.

ESRB IS PRODUCED AND SOLD, BOTH INSIDE THE UNITED STATES AND INTERNATIONALLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH A GENERALLY ACCEPTED SET OF PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS ISSUED BY THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SYNTHETIC RUBBER PRODUCERS (IISRP). THE UNIVERSE OF PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO THESE INVESTIGATIONS ARE GRADES OF ESRB INCLUDED IN THE IISRP 1500 SERIES AND IISRP 1700 SERIES OF SYNTHETIC RUBBERS. THE 1500 GRADES ARE LIGHT IN COLOR AND ARE OFTEN DESCRIBED AS "CLEAR" OR "WHITE RUBBER." THE 1700 GRADES ARE OIL-EXTENDED AND THUS DARKER IN COLOR, AND ARE OFTEN CALLED "BROWN RUBBER." ESRB IS USED PRIMARILY IN THE PRODUCTION OF TIRES. IT IS ALSO USED IN A VARIETY OF OTHER PRODUCTS, INCLUDING CONVEYOR BELTS, SHOE SOLES, SOME KINDS OF HOSES, ROLLER COVERINGS, AND FLOORING.

PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED BY BLENDING ESRB WITH OTHER POLYMERS, HIGH STYRENE RESIN MASTER BATCH, CARBON BLACK MASTER BATCH (I.E., IISRP 1600 SERIES AND 1800 SERIES) AND LATEX (AN INTERMEDIATE PRODUCT) ARE NOT INCLUDED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THESE INVESTIGATIONS.

THE PRODUCTS COVERED UNDER INVESTIGATION ARE CURRENTLY CLASSIFIABLE UNDER SUBHEADING 4002.19.0010 OF THE HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED STATES (HTSUS). ALTHOUGH THE HTSUS SUBHEADING IS PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE AND CUSTOMS PURPOSES, THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THESE INVESTIGATIONS IS DISPOSITIVE.

3. FOR FURTHER REPORTING PURPOSES THESE CASES HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED INVESTIGATION NUMBERS A-351-827, A-580-833, AND A-201-821.

4. FOR IMPORTS OF ESRB, THE CUSTOMS SERVICE SHALL SUSPEND

LIQUIDATION OF SUCH SHIPMENTS THAT ARE ENTERED OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE, FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR AFTER 11/04/98. EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 4, 1998, CUSTOMS SHALL REQUIRE, FOR SUCH ENTRY SUMMARIES, A CASH DEPOSIT OR THE POSTING OF A BOND EQUAL TO THE MARGINS SHOWN BELOW:

BRAZIL

MFR/PRODUCER EXPORTER	CUSTOMS ID NUMBER	MARGIN PERCENTAGE
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COMERCIO S.A.	A-351-827-001	61.71%
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ALL OTHERS	A-351-827-000	61.71%
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REPUBLIC OF KOREA

MFR/PRODUCER EXPORTER	CUSTOMS ID NUMBER	MARGIN PERCENTAGE
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KUMHO	A-580-833-001	13.91%
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HYUNDAI-x	A-580-833-002	118.88%
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ALL OTHERS	A-580-833-000	13.91%
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x MARGIN BASED ON FACTS AVAILABLE.

MEXICO

MFR/PRODUCER EXPORTER	CUSTOMS ID NUMBER	MARGIN PERCENTAGE
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NEGROMEX	A-201-821-001	29.57%
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ALL OTHERS	A-201-821-000	29.57%
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5. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS MATTER BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS, PLEASE CONTACT VIA E-MAIL, THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE SUPERVISORY CHANNELS, OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY LIASON, USING ATTRIBUTE "HQ OAB". THE IMPORTING PUBLIC AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD CONTACT SUNKYU KIM, OFFICE OF AD/CVD ENFORCEMENT, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, AT 202-482-2613.

6. THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION.

## Company Details

\*Party Indicator Value:

I = Importer, M = Manufacturer, E = Exporter, S = Sold To Party